

REMARKS

Claims 26-31 are pending in the present application. The Office Action has been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes the appreciation the indication of the allowability of claims 26-31. Applicant has amended claim 26 to remove the term "almost". As per the informal discussion with the Examiner, the deletion of this term overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C §112. Withdrawal of this rejection is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the proposed amendment. Applicant submits that entry of the amendment would raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. Applicant submits that upon entry of the amendment, the application will be in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is most honestly solicited.

The Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

Respectfully submitted,

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